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Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

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To the PUBLISHER.

I Deſire you'll inſert the encloſed, in one of your Papers, which (if it may be thought of any Uſe to the Publick) ſhall be followed by ſome further Accounts of the different Manners of Tanning, Dreſſing and preparing of Skins for the ſeveral Sorts of Leather in Uſe.

*** *Yours*, &c.

The Manner of Chamoiſing, or *of preparing Buffelo, Deer, Sheep, Goat or Kid-Skins in Oil, in Imitation of* Chamois, *popularly* called Shammy.

THE Skins being waſhed, drained, and ſmeared over with Quick-lime on the fleſhy Side, are folded in two, lengthwiſe, the Wool outwards, and laid on Heaps, and ſo left to ferment 8 Days; or if they had been left to dry after fleaing, 15 Days.

Then they are waſhed out, drain'd, and half-dry'd; laid on a wooden Leg, or Horſe, the Wool ſtripp'd off with a round Staff for the Purpoſe, and laid in a weak Pit, the Lime whereof had been uſed before, and had loſt the greateſt Part of its Force.

After 24 Hours they are taken out, and left to drain 24 more; then put in another ſtronger Pit. This done, they are taken out, drain'd, and put in again, by turns; which begins to diſpoſe them to take Oil: And this Practice they continue for 6 Weeks in Summer, or 3 Months in Winter, at the end whereof they are waſhed out, laid on the wooden Leg, and the Surface of the Skin on the Wool Side, peel'd off, to render them the ſofter; then made into Parcels, ſteep'd a Night in the River, in Winter more; ſtretch'd 6 or 7 over one another, on the wooden Leg; and the Knife paſs'd ſtrongly on the Fleſh ſide, to take off any thing ſuperfluous, and render the Skin ſmooth.

Then they are ſtretch'd as before, in the River, and the ſame Operation repeated on the Wool Side; then thrown into a Tub of Water with Bran in it, which is brew'd among the Skins, 'till the greateſt Part ſtick to them; and then ſeparated into diſtinct Tubs, 'till they ſwell, and riſe, of themſelves, above the Water.

By this Means, the Remains of the Lime are cleared out: They are then wrung out, hung up to dry on Ropes, and ſent to the Mill, with the Quantity of Oil neceſſary to full them: The beſt Oil is that of Stock-Fiſh.

Here, they are firſt thrown in Pundles into the River for 12 Hours, then laid in the Mill-Trough, and full'd without Oil, 'till they be well ſoftned; then oil'd with the Hand, one by one, and thus form'd into Parcels, of four Skins each, which are mill'd and dry'd on Cords a ſecond time, then a third; then oil'd again and dry'd.

This Proceſs is repeated as often as Neceſſity requires: When done, if there be any Moiſture remaining, they are dry'd in a Stove, and made up into Parcels wrapp'd up in Wool: After ſome time they are opened to the Air, but wrapp'd up again as before, 'till ſuch time as the Oil ſeems to have loſt all its Force, which it ordinarily does in 24 Hours.

The Skins are then return'd from the Mill to the *Chamoiſer*, to be ſcour'd; which is done by putting them in a Lixivium of Wood-Aſhes, working and beating them in it with Poles, and leaving 'em to ſteep 'till the Lye have had its Effect; then wrung out, ſteep'd in another Lixivium, wrung again, and this repeated 'till all the Greaſe and Oil be purged out.

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They are then half dry'd, and paſſed over a ſharp-edg'd Iron Inſtrument, placed perpendicular in a Block, which opens, ſoftens, and makes them Gentle: Laſtly, they are thoroughly dry'd, and paſs'd over the ſame Inſtrument again, which finiſhes the Preparation, and leaves 'em in Form of *Chamois*.

Buffelo, Deer, Goat, and Kid-Skins are *chamois'd* in the ſame Manner as thoſe of *Sheep*; excepting that the Hair is taken off, without the Uſe of any Lime; and that when brought from the Mill, they undergo a particular Preparation, call'd *Ramalling*, the moſt delicate and difficult of all the others.

It conſiſts in this, that as ſoon as brought from the Mill, they are ſteep'd in a fit Lixivium; taken out, ſtretch'd on a round wooden Leg, and the Hair ſcraped off with the Knife; this makes them ſmooth, and, in working, caſt a kind of fine Nap. The Difficulty is in ſcraping them *evenly*.

To the Author *of the* Gazette.

SIR,

WITH ſuch Variations as the Circumſtances of my preſent Caſe require, I ſend you the following Epiſtle; but, among all the Alterations I have taken the Liberty to make in it, I can't help telling you, by the By, there is none I ſuſpect myſelf more blameable for, than that of directing it now to One, ſo far ſhort of the Author it was firſt addreſs'd to. However you had beſt inſert it, for fear worſe ſhould follow.

Your humble Servant

Carolina Grubſtreet.

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Eſt natura Hominum Novitatis avida.

Plin. apud Lillium.

Mr. *Gazetteer*,

'YOU muſt have obſerv'd, that Men, who delight in News, are pleaſed with every 'thing that is Matter of Fact, ſo it be what 'they have not heard before. A Victory, or 'a Defeat, are equally agreeable to them. The 'Promotion of a French Cardinal to be a 'Prime Miniſter, pleaſes them *one Poſt*, and 'his Diſgrace, *another*. They are glad to 'hear, that Sir *Charles Wager* has landed the '6000 Spaniards in Italy, and afterwards as 'much delighted to be inform'd of his Return 'to *Great Britain*. They read the Advertiſements with the ſame Curioſity as the Articles of publick News; and are as pleas'd to 'hear of a dark colour'd Horſe that has ſtray'd 'out of a Paſture up the Path, as of a whole 'Troop, that has been engaged in any foreign 'Adventure. In ſhort, they have a Reliſh for 'every thing that is *News*, let the Matter of 'it be what it will; or, to ſpeak more 'properly, they are Men of a voracious Appetite, but no Taſte.

'Now, Sir, ſince the great Fountain of 'News, I mean *War*, is likely to remain dry, 'and ſince theſe Gentlemen have contracted ſo 'inextinguiſhable a Thirſt after it, I have 'taken their Caſe and my own into Conſideration, and have thought of a Project, that 'may turn to the Advantage of us Both.

'I Deſign, you muſt know, to publiſh an 'Evening Paper, which ſhall comprehend in 'it all the moſt remarkable Occurrences, that 'happen within ſuch a Diſtance from *Charleſtown*, as lies within the reach of a ſpeedy 'Correſpondence.

'By this Means, my Readers will have 'their News freſh and freſh, and many honeſt 'Folk, who can't ſleep with any Satisfaction 'at preſent, for want of being inform'd how 'the World goes, may go to Bed contentedly, it being my Deſign to put out my Paper 'every Night at 9 o' Clock preciſely.

'I have already eſtabliſhed Correſpondencies, in ſeveral Places, and received very 'good Intelligence.

'By my laſt Advices from ---- I hear that a 'pye-bald Horſe was ſecur'd there as a Stray 'the 3d Inſtant, and that he was not own'd 'when the Letters came away.

'We are inform'd from ----- that a Dozen 'Weddings were lately celebrated in the 'Church of that Place, but are referr'd to 'their next Letters, for the Names of the 'Parties concern'd.

'Letters from ---- adviſe that the Widow '----- had determined the Event of a ſhort 'Courtſhip between a certain Gentleman and 'herſelf, by a Game at All-Fours, which af'forded great Matter of modeſt, as well as 'witty Speculation in thoſe Parts.

'They adviſe from ----- that Things re'mained in the ſame State they were, They 'had Intelligence, juſt as the Letters came a'way, that a comfortable Quantity of Rum, 'Fruit, pickled Herrings, and Turtle were 'lately imported there; but this conſiderable 'piece of good News wanted Confirmation.

'We are inform'd by a *Whiſper* from under 'the Watch-houſe in ----- that, on Monday 'Night laſt, died Mr. S-lt-r. But *Truth* has 'ſince made known to us, that there was no'thing more in it than a *Watch-houſe Whiſper*, 'that is, in plain Engliſh, a *Falſhood*.

'I have here, Sir, given you a Specimen of 'the News, with which I intend to entertain 'the Town, and which, when drawn up regularly in Form of a News Paper, will, I doubt 'not, be very acceptable to many of thoſe 'publick ſpirited Readers, who take more 'Delight in acquainting themſelves with other 'Peoples Buſineſs than their own.

I hope you'll not oppoſe this hopeful Project of *Sir*, *Your humble Servant*, &c.

If Mr. Grubſtreet intends this Epiſtle only for a piece of Wit upon *Us*, we'll join with him in the Laugh with all our Hearts. Or if (as we may have reaſon to fear) he propoſes to make a Penny of us by it, let him in Perſon apply himſelf to the Gazetteers, and he ſhall have all ſuitable Encouragement to lay aſide a Project of ſo dangerous Conſequence to the Intereſt of our Printer.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Petersburgh, Oct. 31. Letters from Moſcow bring an Account of an Officer being arrived there, with a Confirmation of the new Victory gain'd by the Sophy over the Turks, with theſe further particulars. That the Succours which the Turks ſent to their Army conſiſted of 20,000 Men, with a vaſt Quantity of Proviſions; that the Detachment from the Perſian Army to meet them, and hinder their joining the Ottomans, was of 24,000 Horſe, amongſt whom Prince Thamas went in Perſon; that they met them accordingly, a Days Journey from Bagdat; upon which the Turks quitted their Proviſions to put themſelves in a Poſture of Defence, but the Perſians came ſo quick upon them they had not Time to range themſelves, and were ſoon routed; 8000 Turks were kill'd on the Spot, 2000 made Priſoners, and all the Proviſions, with ſome Pieces of Cannon, were left in the Field, the reſt ſaved themſelves by Flight.

Rome, Oct. 31. A Courier from Venice brings Advice, that the Renegado John Joggia, being come with his Squadron into the Levant, had taken a Ship of the Republick, murdered all the Men on board, put the Captain in Irons, and threatned to attack ſome Fortreſſes of the Republick in the Levant. On the 29th the Congregation De ſuper Nonnullis gave Orders for ſearching narrowly the Houſe of Signor Genoveſi, from whence two Cheſts of Papers had been lately carried.

LONDON, *Nov.* 20.

On Thurſday Night laſt, his R. Highneſs the Prince of Wales ſupped with the Lady Romney, at her Houſe in Burlington Gardens. There were preſent the Lord Guildford and his Lady, the Lord Carmichael, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality. The Entertainment was very elegant on this Occaſion.

The ſame Night ſeveral People were robbed in the Lane leading from Pancras to Hampſtead Road, by 2 Highwaymen well mounted, who took from two Ladies in a Chaiſe, 2 Gold Watches, a Diamond Ring, two plain Rings, and ſome Money, to the Value of upwards of 60 l.

The ſame Night, as a Poulterer's Wife in Clare Market, was ſtanding by Lincoln's-Inn Playhouſe, to ſee their Majeſties paſs by, ſhe had her Pocket cut off by a Sharper, in which were ſeveral Guineas.

The Swedes having laid a Duty of 5 per Cent. on Woollen Goods imported into Sweden, in Britiſh Ships, which Money is applied in encouraging a Woollen Manufacture of their own, lately erected, and having in many other Particulars greatly diſcouraged our Navigation, the Merchants Trading to that Kingdom are preparing to lay a State of the Caſe before the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

We hear that her R. Higneſs the Princeſs Amelia hath had a Prize of 100 l. in the Lottery, and the Princeſs Mary another of 20 l.

Edinburgh, Oct. 12. Laſt Week the noted Horſe ſtealer Gabriel Cunningham, who ſtands ſentenced to be whipt the Beginning of every Quarter of the Year, during Life, for returning from Tranſportation, was whipt through the City; and a Centinel of Col. Montague's Regiment was led thro' the Cannon Gate, with a Haltar about his Neck, and drumm'd out of the Regiment to the Tune, Cuckolds come dig, dig, dig, for Thieving, &c.

CHARLESTOWN, *Feb.* 19.

Having (with Surprize) ſeen a very ſpurious Copy of our Correſpondent *Secretus*'s Poetry, ſo publickly handed about Town, we hope the giving our Readers a Sight of the genuine Lines may'n't be ſo offenſive as, before, we fear'd they might be.

FROM Courts remote, and Europe's pompous Scenes,
With Pleaſure view what Nature's Care ordains.
Here, various Flow'rs their blooming Beauties ſpread,
The happy Swain, here, ſeeks the Lawrel's Shade;
Where, Nymphs, unpractis'd in the Guiles of Art,
Are form'd to warm the coldeſt Briton's Heart.
And now (whoſe Abſence we too long had mourn'd)
The *faireſt Treaſure* of our *Clime*'s return'd,
See, how ſuperiour, by unfeign'd Deſert,
Nature herſelf can her own Charms exert!
Submit, ye foreign *Belles*,----
From *this* our *Nymph* learn the ſoft Pow'r to pleaſe,
'Tis *She* alone th' enamour'd Swain can eaſe.

In the Article, in our laſt, relating to the Cauſe in the Court of *Vice Admiralty*, inſtead of the Penalties there mentioned to have been *recovered* in that Court, it ſhould have been ſaid, that the Parties concern'd for the Defendant ſubmitted to pay the ſaid Penalties and Coſts into the Hands of the proper Officer of the ſaid Court, to prevent any further Proceedings therein, and conſequently any further Coſts.

The Letter, received this Week, ſubſcribed *Z. X.* ſhall, without fail, be inſerted in our next.

As to *That* ſign'd *Frailty*, we beg to be excuſed from offering it to the Publick, and, once for all, we take the Freedom to deſire ſuch Correſpondents, to give neither themſelves nor us any further Trouble. For tho' we ſhall never refuſe to inſert any thing, that appears to be level'd at *Ourſelves* only, yet we ſhall ever do ſo, when it is too manifeſt, that any *other* particular Perſon is pointed at.

We